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2.				<p>From the attached memo you will see what we have already done for two HAC staffers. The next step is a planned briefing on Soviet intentions toward Southwest Asia during the week of 23 Jan. The staffers, who have SI/TK Gamma clearances, have also asked to read the relevant NIE. The ultimate purpose of their study and overseas trip is to assess DoD requests for funds to assist the US Rapid Deployment Force.</p> <p>I propose that we be ready to allow them to read the NIE if they press for it. With this contingency in mind, could you secure an OK from the NIC? I think the request is legitimate but given their lack of background on the area, prefer to provide only an oral briefing.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 50px; margin: 20px auto;"></div>
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on Persian Gulf for House Appropriations Committee, Survey and Investigative Staff

1. On 6 January 1984, John Goedtel and Charles Bolz of the House Appropriations Committee, Survey and Investigative Staff, were briefed by DI analysts on threats to the viability of Persian Gulf States. They also inquired about the local receptivity to establishment of US staging facilities in the region for the US Rapid Deployment Force (RDF). [redacted]

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2. NESA analysts [redacted] covered questions pertaining to the Persian Gulf. Mr. Goedtel and Mr. Bolz were primarily interested in the regional response to a Soviet invasion of Iran--a worst case scenario constructed by DoD. The analysts discussed the logistical problems the Soviets would encounter in such a campaign and suggested possible responses for Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and other neighboring states should it occur. The analysts deferred to SOVA for comments on the likelihood of a Soviet invasion of Iran. There was also discussion of the domestic situation in the Gulf states and inter-state relations. [redacted]

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3. ALA analysts [redacted] briefed on Somalia and Kenya where the US has established access agreements for the RDF. [redacted] discussed Somali-Ethiopian relations and indicated a large-scale attack was not likely in the near term. She also explained the positive Somali reaction to US military aid and to a US presence in the area. [redacted] provided political and economic background on the regime in Kenya. She noted Kenya's sensitivity about its pro-Western image, and indicated it was unlikely that Kenya would agree to any extensive staging facilities for US forces. [redacted]

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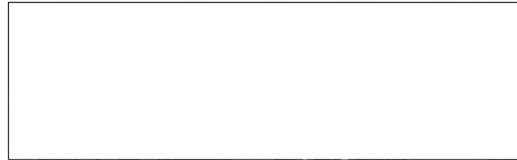
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3. Prior to their travel to the region under discussion, Mr. Bolz and Mr. Goedtel plan to return to headquarters for a briefing on Soviet intentions toward the area. I agreed to set up such a meeting the week of 23 January 1984.



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